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*Newsletter of
The Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America*

**SETTEMBRE 2021
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Dear friends,

We will soon say good-bye to what has been a soggy summer and hopefully welcome in beautiful and warm September skies. As a lodge we have a lot of fun events and outings planned for the upcoming months.

On September 10th, we will have Lunch Bunch at Dolce Vita Restaurant in Fairfax City. If you haven't been there before, the food is fabulous. On September 18th, we will hold our annual "Spaghetti Dinner". Where else can you go and see old friends, meet new friends, learn a little something and have a delicious spaghetti dinner for \$5 dollars. It's our annual membership event so please come out, bring a friend or neighbor, and join us. You won't be disappointed. At the Spaghetti Dinner there will be bottles of homemade Limoncello for sale. The sale of Limoncello is a fundraiser for the lodge. Samples will be available.

In October there will be quite a few outside of the lodge activities to include a winery visit, a wreath laying with the National Christopher Columbus Association and a walk-a-thon to raise money for the "Walk to End Alzheimer's." Along with Lunch Bunch and Happy Hours we will end with a movie night featuring "Jersey Boys."

In November all efforts will be focused on celebrating the lodge's 40th Anniversary with a catered party to be held at the lodge. Stay tuned for more details.

This past Thursday quite a few IHL members gathered at Giardino's for Happy Hour. Some had dinner, others, just drinks and snacks. These Happy Hour get-togethers have proven to be a hit. Great to see new members Maria Buchert and Charlie Romano and his wife, Maureen. Welcome to all!

Please read through your IHL newsletter. It is full of fun events and valuable information of interest.

See you all at Dolce Vita.

*My best,
Dawn*

*As we commemorate twenty years since September 11, let's all take a minute to remember and pray for all the American souls that were lost that terrible day. We pray for their loved ones and all those affected. May they find peace.
We will never forget.*



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FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

September 10	Lunch Bunch*	12:00 Noon	Dolce Vita 10824 Fairfax Boulevard Fairfax
September 12	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 AM	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
September 15	Council Meeting	7:00-8:00 PM	Zoom Link
September 18	Spaghetti Dinner*	6:30 PM	K of C Hall
September 23	Happy Hour	5:30 PM	P.J. Skidoos 9908 Fairfax Boulevard Fairfax

OCTOBER

ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

October 9	“Rock the Grapes”	Noon – 7 PM	Veramar Vineyard Berryville, VA
October 11	<i>CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS NATINAL HOLIDAY</i>		
October 11	National Christopher Columbus Association	11:00 AM	Columbus Plaza Union Station, D.C.
October 16	Walk To End Alzheimer’s (Walk-A-Thon)	9:30 AM	Harris Pavilion 9201 Center Street Manassas
October 16	Lunch following the Walk*		Bella Vita 9675 Liberia Avenue Manassas
November 13	IHL 40 th Anniversary Celebration	6:00 PM	K of C Hall

Join your IHL friends for this month’s “Lunch Bunch” on Friday, September 10 at noon at Dolce Vita, 10824 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax. We will be able to dine “al fresco” as we have been doing. Visit Dolce Vita’s website, dolcevitaitaliankitchenandwinebar.com to see their lunch menu. The variety of sandwiches are delicious, they offer make your own pasta choices and brick oven pizzas, as well as Gluten Free items such as Antipasti Plate, Mozzarella Caprese salad and penne pasta. Please RSVP to President Dawn (falsinotti@yahoo.com) to make your reservation.

Mark your calendars for our wine event, Saturday, October 9th when we will visit Veramar Winery, Virginia’s Premier Winery & Vineyard, located in the Shenandoah Valley. If you would like to read about this distinguished winery and vineyard, go to veramar.com The “Rock the Grapes” event is totally family friendly with wine tastings, wine buying, music groups (after 5 p.m.). You can purchase food or bring your own, and there are about 8-10 food vendors, including a pizza oven truck that sells phenomenal pizzas. You will also see about 20 vendors for craft shopping. Rain or Shine the event will go on. Admission to the

winery is \$18.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the gate; free for those under 12 years old. The ticket price includes admission and a free wine tasting at one of their three winery tents.

WALK-A-THON: We are participating in the “Walk To End Alzheimer’s” again this year. This IHL fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at 9:30 AM. Walkers will meet at the Harris Pavilion (Old Town Manassas), 9201 Center Street, Manassas, VA. The length of the walking route is 2 miles around Historic Manassas. The walk will be designed with COVID safety protocols in place, such as physical distancing, masks (where required), hand sanitizing stations and more. Immediately after the Walk, we will be having lunch at Bella Vita Italian Restaurant, 9675 Liberia Avenue, Manassas. This is just a short ride away from where the Walk takes place. **Please do not register beforehand or that morning, just look for our group under the Pavilion. It is important that you DO NOT make a donation for the Walk directly to the Alzheimer’s organization on the day of the Walk. All donations are to be made on the form attached to your email. In order for IHL to gain credit for our charitable work, we must submit the donations through the Virginia OSDIA Foundation.** All of the information is on the form and please designate to which charity(ies) your donation should go. We will also be accepting fundraiser donations throughout our remaining meetings and events at the lodge this year. Donations are to be sent to Dennis Lillo and he will forward them to the Foundation. Our deadline for donations is mid-December and we will be sending out frequent updates and reminders. If you can walk and join us for lunch, please let Colette (colette.sciscilo@gmail.com) know for the lunch reservation. Also, if you need to car pool, we are planning car pool options from the Fairfax area. If you are unable to either walk or attend lunch, please be generous in your contributions for either Alzheimer’s research, Autism or Cooley’s Anemia, all important National charities. Thank you for generously supporting this year’s fundraising effort.

***RSVP required for these events**

Buon Compleanno
e Tanti Auguri!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Joe La Marca	September 6
Loretta D’Amico	September 17
Marilyn Miyasato	September 20
John Innello	September 20
David Asiello	September 22
Jeff Sciscilo	September 22
Rose Viani	September 28

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Angelo & Elizabeth Saladini	September 6
David & Michelle Asiello	September 13
Richard & Alice Ess	September 16
Bruno Diconi & Marisa Scala	September 19
Michael & Joanne DeMarco	September 27

At our recent council meeting, we were joined by Joe Scafetta, Jr., Former State President, who spoke to us about the National Christopher Columbus Association, and the importance of IHL having a presence in this organization. By a unanimous vote, IHL has joined the NCCA and has committed to attending the 2021 National Columbus Day Ceremony on October 11th at Columbus Plaza in Washington, D. C. with a musical prelude beginning at 10:45 a.m., ceremony beginning at 11:00 a.m. It will be an opportunity for IHL to participate in the wreath laying ceremony with embassies and other fraternal and civic societies. If you are interested in attending with your council members, please contact Colette so that we can coordinate car-pooling. There is a flyer provided by NCCA at the end of this Newsletter with all information regarding the National Columbus Day Ceremony.

Effective July 1, 2021 our new dues structure came into effect. Each member has been billed by email for the remaining 6 months of 2021 and prorated accordingly. You should have received an email from Laura Strong, our Financial Secretary, with new information on your amount due and where to mail your dues payment. In January 2022 we will issue new invoices for 2022. Grazie to all members who have responded and submitted your dues.

AD PAGE – Joe La Marca has assisted in updating our Ad Page, always found on the last page of each month's Newsletter. We are re-instating the Ad Page program with these updated costs: Member price - \$25/year; Non-member price - \$35/year. These prices will go into effect starting January 2022.

Member News:

Colette Sciscilo received an email from Joe Signorelli's son. He reports that Joe is doing "fine and enjoying it here in North Carolina and living on Lake Norman with Tammy and I...He has slowed some but otherwise is in very good health." Colette has Joe's new email address so if anyone is interested in corresponding with Joe, please let her know and she will forward it to you.



**Jack Farrell making a recent visit to our member
Augie Taormina.**

Jack is the three year old son of Kerri and Mac Farrell. He and Nonna Coletta made an afternoon visit to Augie to see his fantastic train museum and amazing set up. This was truly exciting for Jack and we so appreciate Augie's kindness in receiving us for a visit.



Delicious and refreshing "Homemade Limoncello" will be sold at our Spaghetti Dinner. Please support this fundraiser!

PET MEMORIUM

Patrick was a rescue adopted when he was two. Considered a lemon beagle, his orange color was beautiful. He was very handsome and photogenic. He was aloof in the beginning, not knowing why he was being kissed so much. Once he settled in he loved and demanded kisses. He loved his walks and once he knew he was going out, if you didn't move fast enough he'd get excited and start barking at you. He loved his bully sticks and especially loved cake or muffins of any kind. Always a rascal, he was famous for taking down the trash on a fairly regular basis. He loved his family and we adored him. He went swimming in the Atlantic Ocean at Cape Cod, along with visiting the cherry blossoms and going apple picking. He was just shy of seventeen when he passed in July. We will miss him and cherish his memories for the rest of our lives.

-Dawn, Francesco and Alex Falsinotti



Stevie Boy was a sweet and handsome, orange and white long-haired kitty with a big fluffy tail. He liked wet and dry food, treats, playing with the wand, and lots of attention from me. Stevie was the first one in the kitchen for breakfast and the last one to retire at night. He was quiet and gentle and always let friends and neighbors pet him. One day Stevie befriended the outdoor cat that I fed and shortly thereafter Cookie became a member of the family. He and Cookie liked to play, nap, and run up and down the steps together.

I am so grateful to have been Stevie Boy's adopted mommy. I will always love him and miss him, and he will always be my sweet little boy. Cookie misses him too. Stevie was 10 years old when he passed away.

-Loretta D'Amico

Maggie was a rescue, one of a kind part Golden Retriever, St. Bernard and German Shepherd mix. She had many adventures including trips to Maine, boat rides in Louisiana alligator spotting, climbing up and down Mt. Washington in New Hampshire and chasing Canada Geese into lakes. Her backyard was her domain. Squirrels knew to skitter away when she approached. She loved the snow in winter. But her daily walks with Ellie were her favorite thing to do with her favorite person. She was our faithful, gentle and loving companion for fifteen years.

We will miss her forever.

-Ellie and Dennis Lillo



Our Education Chairperson, Elisabetta Lazarte, sends this information on the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia's new Fall 2021 classes. Classes begin in mid-September and go through early December via Zoom. "Our classes are based on a COMMUNICATIVE approach to the Language. As grammar is definitely taught in our classes, *Speaking and Understanding of the Spoken & Written language is our 1st and main goal.*"

Our classes are composed of 2 hours of instructions and a 10-minute break every 55-60 minutes.

Beginner classes: Will use the "New Italian Espresso 1" book for English speakers. This book set includes Textbook, workbook, audio visual DVD/CD *which will be used for about 2 Years . This is generally different for each class. It takes 5 to 7 sessions to finish this beginner course based on the speed of the class.* Teacher will purchase the books for the class. The cost for this 2-year packet is generally \$95.00 to \$105.00 based on shipping

Beginners Reading Classes: will use Alma Edizioni leveled reading audiobooks. Two leveled books will be cover per session. Books will be provided by the teacher and the cost is \$15.00 each.

Pre-Intermediate review and conversation classes: will be using *The Ultimate Italian Review and Practice*; USBN 978-1-260-45351-5. If you have the old edition no need to purchase the Second edition. The new edition has an online audio, but the book content is the same. This book is easily found online.

Intermediate 2: Will use the "New Italian Espresso 2" book for English speakers. This book set includes Textbook, workbook, audio visual DVD/CD *which will be used for about 2 Years . This is generally different for each class. It takes 5 to 7 sessions to finish this beginner course based on the speed of the class.* Teacher will purchase the books for the class. The cost for this 2-year packet is generally \$95.00 to \$105.00 based on shipping

Intermediate/Advanced: will use the ALMA NUOVO ESPRESSO L4 (B2) with Audio CD and online video access. This book will be used for 4-5 sessions based on the speed of the class. Teacher will purchase the books for the class. The cost for this packet is generally \$45.00 to \$50.00 based on shipping.

REGISTRATION:

To register, please contact Elisabetta at elisabettalazarte@gmail.com or 703-887-1995.



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“Meet and Greet”

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, September 18, 2021

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

St. Leo Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax

***Meet** the Officers and Members of our Lodge*

While enjoying a traditional Spaghetti Dinner

&

***Greet** Sharon Peruzzi Strauchs, our Membership Chairperson, who will speak briefly on the joys of founding and directing the Cortona Academy in Herndon, VA **AND Greet** Cathy Carolla, who will speak about her homegrown business of downsizing and decluttering our homes and lives! This will be helpful to all!*

Cost \$5.00

RSVP to: Eleanor Lillo

delillo1@verizon.net / 703- 354-2454

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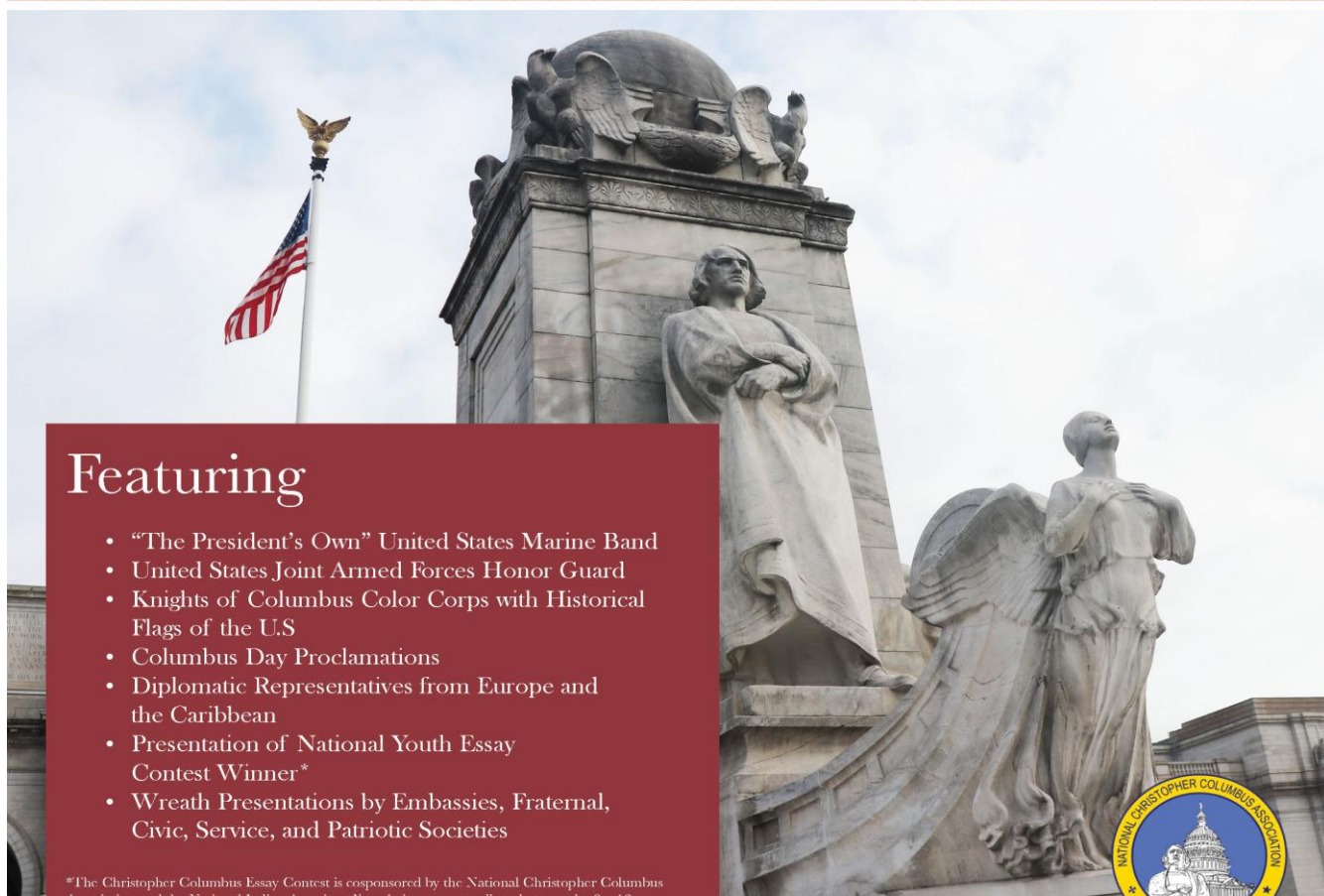


National Columbus Day Ceremony

∞ Monday, October 11, 2021 ∞

Musical prelude begins at 10:45 a.m.

Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.



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- “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band
- United States Joint Armed Forces Honor Guard
- Knights of Columbus Color Corps with Historical Flags of the U.S
- Columbus Day Proclamations
- Diplomatic Representatives from Europe and the Caribbean
- Presentation of National Youth Essay Contest Winner*
- Wreath Presentations by Embassies, Fraternal, Civic, Service, and Patriotic Societies

*The Christopher Columbus Essay Contest is cosponsored by the National Christopher Columbus Association and the National Italian American Foundation; open to all students grades 9 – 12.

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www.christophercolumbus.org



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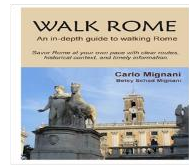
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